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FONOFF has shown Embassy Officer report by Cheetham (Robert's deputy) of conversation with SPAAK about German situation. Apparently taking firm western position for granted; SPAAK said one great new factor in situation since 1948 was existence GDR repeat GDR and he doubted western public opinion would accept refusal recognize its existence which would be as unrealistic as U.S. attitude toward Communist China. SPAAK went on to say if Soviets insist on withdrawal from Berlin "it would be madness" for West to seem to insist on continued Soviet occupation. What West should do was insist on maintenance of its rights and recognize this might involve de facto dealing with GDR.

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